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In re the Patent Application of

Takahiro FUKUHARA et al.

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 8 of this paper.**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.



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